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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing xDSL/POTS line sharing for multiple subscribers, the method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) accessing a telephone line supporting POTS services destined to a first subscriber; and
  - (b) multiplexing xDSL services with said POTS services over said telephone line for delivery to a second subscriber; and
  - (c) splitting the xDSL services from the POTS services at a remote location outside a residence of at least one of said subscribers.
2. (Currently amended) The method described in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
  - (e) ~~splitting the xDSL services from the POTS services at a remote location;~~ and
  - (d) forwarding the POTS services to the first subscriber.
3. (Currently amended) The method described in claim 1 further comprising the step of:
  - (e) ~~splitting the xDSL services from the POTS services at a remote location;~~ and
  - (d) forwarding the xDSL services to a second subscriber.
4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Currently amended) ~~The system described in claim 4 further~~ A system providing POTS/xDSL line sharing for multiple subscribers over a single telephone line, the system comprising:

- (a) a xDSL interface located at or near a central office for sending to and receiving xDSL signals from a first subscriber;
- (b) a POTS interface located at or near the central office for sending to and receiving POTS signals from a second subscriber;
- (c) a splitter/coupler for multiplexing both xDSL and POTS signal over a single telephone line and for splitting xDSL and POTS signals received over said telephone line; and
- (d) a second splitter located [[in]] at a remote location outside a residence of at least one of said subscribers for separating said POTS signals from said xDSL signals and for forwarding said POTS signals to the second subscriber.